

29 March 1972

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Sighting of an American Working for the Viet Cong

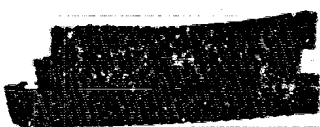
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1. In early March 1971, an American was observed resting with four or five Viet Cong (VC) cadres on the side of the road to Phuong Dong village, Tien Phuoc district, VC Quang Nam province (Government of Vietnam Quang Tin province). After passing the group, prisoner [REDACTED] asked a member of his travel group who the American was; he was told that the American was a former U.S. prisoner of war who was working for the Military Proselyting Section of Military Region (MR) 5 and whose VC name was Nguyen Chief Dau.*

2. The American was seen talking animatedly in Vietnamese to his companions. He was not armed, nor were there weapons near

[REDACTED] Comment: The American may be Robert Garwood, a Marine captured by the VC in 1965 who is reported to have defected in May 1967. The Joint Personnel Recovery Center comments that the Vietnamese name and physical description fits Garwood.

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where he was seated. He wore a light green North Vietnamese Army uniform, without any insignia or marking, and rubber sandals. He appeared to be about 1.70 meters tall and to weigh about 70 kilograms. His hair was light brown and he was not wearing any headgear.

